



How to Access PIMS ISS Acceleration Data



Section 13: How to Access PIMS ISS Acceleration Data

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Ancillary PIMS ISS Web Page Functions

- **PIMS ISS Operations Links**
 - Provides current GMT timestamp
 - Provides links to latest PIMS data and important information
 - Tutorial information
 - Increment reports
 - Specialized analysis
 - PI questionnaire
- **PIMS ISS Operations Ticker**
 - Provides current ISS status information
- **PIMS Sensor Status Bar**
 - Provides description of current acceleration data measurement activity
 - Provides current GMT, last data packet received time, AOS/LOS indication and sensor sampling rate

GMT Time
297 Days 22:41:42

**PIMS ISS
Operations Links**

- [2002 Microgravity Environment Interpretation Tutorial \(MEIT\)](#)
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**PIMS ISS
Operations Ticker**

Expedition also were moved to Atlantis and stored for return. A Protein Crystal Growth Single Thermal Enclosure System (PCG-STES) growth chamber with space-grown crystals was stored in the Shuttle middeck for return and swapped places in the Destiny lab with another crystal growth unit ferried up by the

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GMT of the most recent status snap | name of the sensor | current sensor status

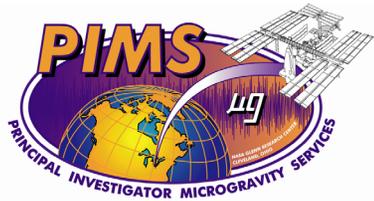
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The ticker above shows the current available sensor status

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Microgravity Environment Program - Microsoft Internet Explorer

Address: http://microgravity.grc.nasa.gov/MSD/MSD_htmls/acceleration.html

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Areas Supported

- International Partners
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- Fundamental Physics
- Combustion
- Biotechnology
- Vehicles
- Astronaut Office
- Materials

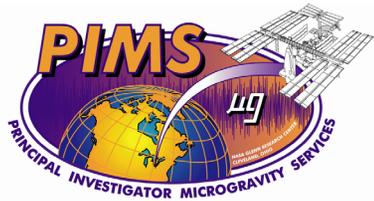
NASA's Microgravity Research Program receives acceleration measurement support through the Microgravity Measurement and Analysis Project (MMAP) based at the NASA Glenn Research Center. This acceleration measurement program supports microgravity science investigators through acceleration measurement and acceleration data analysis for a variety of microgravity carriers.

The images cycling below represent the five microgravity carriers currently supported by MMAP acceleration measurement systems. The complement of six projects surrounding the images represent the acceleration data analysis project (PIMS) and the acceleration measurement projects (SAMS, OARE, SAMS-FF, SAMS-II, MAMS) specifically supporting these microgravity carriers. The appropriate complement of projects supporting a given microgravity carrier are highlighted when that carriers image is displayed. Additional details on each of these projects are available via the linked buttons to the right.

Local intranet

Main PIMS Web Page Functions

- Acceleration Measurement Home Page
 - Provides links to the various acceleration measurement systems supported by the Microgravity NASA Environment Program



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Principal Investigator Microgravity Services (PIMS) - Microsoft Internet Explorer

Address http://microgravity.grc.nasa.gov/MSD/MSD_html/PIMS.html

PIMS

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Related links:

- [Principal Investigator Microgravity Services International Space Station Operations site](#)
- [Principal Investigator Microgravity Services Brochure \(PDF version\)](#)
- [PIMS-ISS-001 document \(PDF version\)](#)

The NASA Glenn Research Center Principal Investigator Microgravity Services (PIMS) project supports microgravity principal investigators' efforts to evaluate acceleration effects on their experiments. PIMS is funded by the NASA Headquarters Office of Life Sciences and Microgravity Applications, Microgravity Research Division (MRD). PIMS' primary responsibility is to support MRD investigators in the area of acceleration data analysis and interpretation. Also, PIMS provides MRD with expertise in the area of microgravity experiment requirements, vibration isolation and the implementation of requirements on different spacecraft.

PIMS is part of the Microgravity Measurement and Analysis Project (MMAP) which integrates the PIMS with five other activities focused on the measurement and analysis of the microgravity environment in support of microgravity science investigators. The Space Acceleration Measurement System (SAMS) and the Orbital Acceleration Research Experiment (OARE) are accelerometer instruments flown on the Shuttle to measure the environment. The SAMS-Mir project uses a SAMS to measure and characterize the microgravity environment of Mir. The SAMS project is developing an accelerometer system to record vibration data on free flying orbiters. The SAMS II project is developing a new accelerometer instrument to support science investigators on the international Space Station.

PIMS

MEP

SAMS

ISS OPS

MEL

OARE

MAMS

Main PIMS Web Page Functions

- Principal Investigator Microgravity Services Home Page
 - Provides link to electronic copy of the PIMS brochure
 - Provides link to PIMS-ISS-001 document which describes the capabilities of the PIMS ISS software systems
- Provides links to various other PIMS products and services



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Main PIMS Web Page Functions

- **Current Real Time Plots**
 - Provides access to real time data plots based on acceleration measurement system, sensor, and plot types
 - Mouse over this button to get the acceleration measurement system menu
 - Select the sensor from the desired acceleration measurement system
 - Select the plot type for the sensor of interest
 - If a plot type is not available (not actively being generated by PIMS real time software), a message is displayed to contact PIMS if that plot type is desired

GMT Time

297 Days 23:30:12

**PIMS ISS
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Request Data Plots

SAMS II	HEAD 121_0	Acceleration vs. Time
MAMS HIRA	HEAD 121_0	Interval Min/Max vs. Time
MAMS OSS	HEAD 121_0	Interval Average
	HEAD 121_0	Acceleration vs. Time
	HEAD 121_0	PSD vs. Frequency
		Color Spectrogram
		Cumulative RMS vs. Frequency
		RMS Acceleration vs. Time for Selected Frequency Bands
		One Third Octave

Current Instrument Locations

Status Data Plots

View Interesting Data Plots

ISS µg Monitoring System

Current Real-Time Plots

PIMS Home Page

Acceleration Measurements Home Page

Access Acceleration Data Archive

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**PIMS ISS
Operations Ticker**

Also on Sunday, the crew performed a post-spacewalk reading on the EVARM dosimeter badges worn by Wolf and Sellers on their second spacewalk to continue installing the S1 Truss to the Station.

On Monday, selected members of the Station crew filled out their weekly Crew Interactions exercise at the Urine

[Click here to view all available sensors](#)

[Click here to view current ISS SAMS/MAMS plots](#)

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GMT of the most recent status snap | name of the sensor | current sensor status

Curr. GMT=297/23:28:14 GMT of Last packet=297/22:56:13 121F02@100HZ ON HOST:FINLEY IS ACTIVE (LOS)

The ticker above shows the current available sensor status

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GMT Time

304 Days 14:23:38

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Current Real-Time Plots

SAMS-II	▶
MAMS HIRAP	▶
MAMS OSS	▶
Acceleration vs. Time	▶
Interval Min/Max vs. Time	▶
Interval Average Acceleration vs. Time	▶
TMF Acceleration vs. Time	▶
MAMS OSS B Bias Data vs. Time	▶
MAMS OSS C Bias Data vs. Time	▶
SUBSA	▶
CG	▶
OSS	▶
ML	▶

PIMS Home Page

Acceleration Measurement Home Page

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PIMS ISS
Operations Ticker

attention was turned to the arrival of two upcoming missions to the International Space Station. The first set of visitors, the Soyuz Five Taxi Flight crew, is scheduled to launch at 9:11 p.m. CST Oct. 29 (0311 GMT Oct. 30) and dock with the station two days later, delivering a new Soyuz spacecraft that will serve as the station's crew return

[Click here to view all available sensors](#)

[Click here to view current ISS SAMS/MAMS plots](#)

GMT of the most recent status snap | name of the sensor | current sensor status

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The ticker above shows the current available sensor status



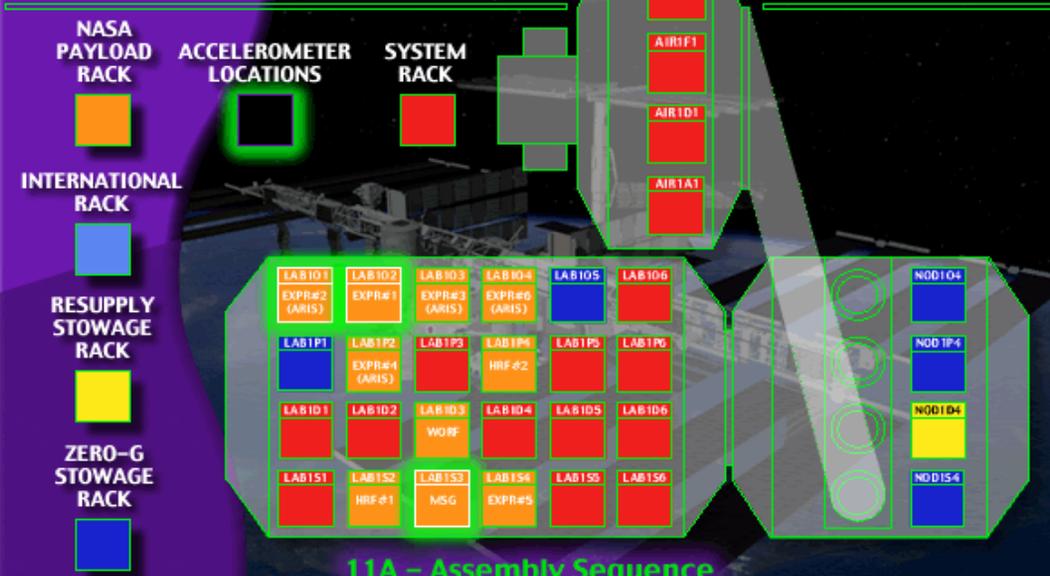


Main PIMS Web Page Functions

- **Current Instrument Locations**
 - **Contains a drawing of the US Lab, designating payload racks, system racks, and stowage racks**
 - **Racks containing acceleration measurement system hardware are ghosted in green**
 - **Mousing over a ghosted rack brings up the same menu selections as for the Current Real Time Plots link**
 - Provides access to real time data plots based on acceleration measurement system, sensor, and plot types
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 - Select the plot type for the sensor of interest
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Current Instrument Locations

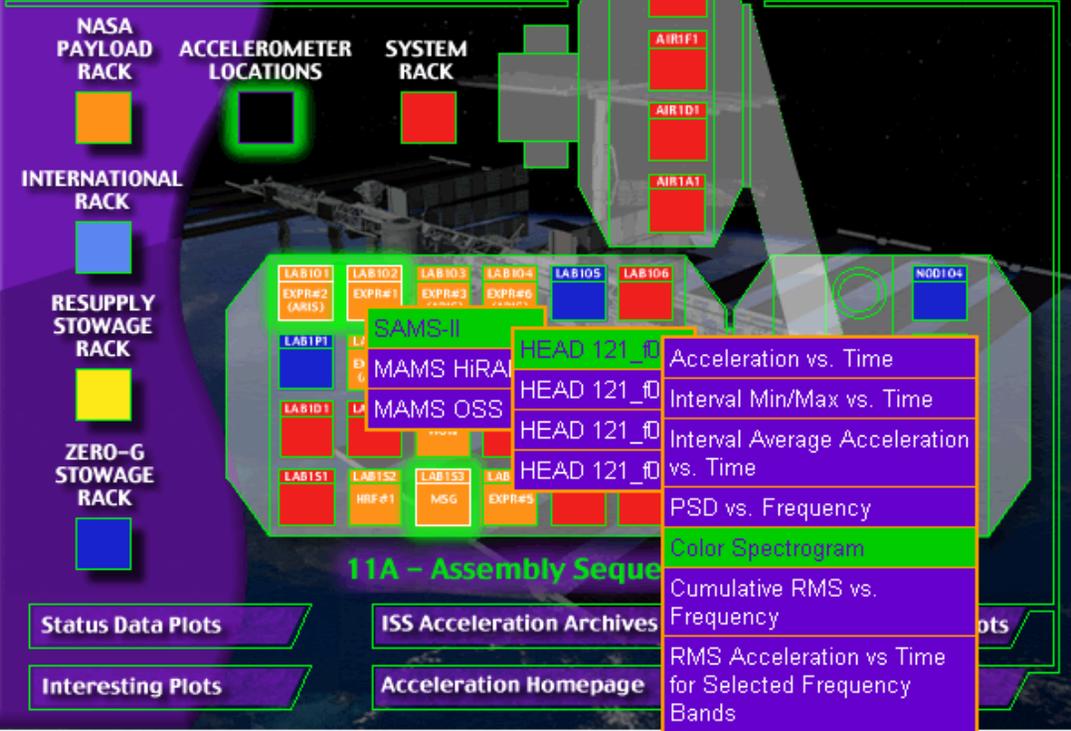


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- Status Data Plots
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Current Instrument Locations



- Acceleration vs. Time
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Main PIMS Web Page Functions

- **Access ISS Acceleration Data Archives**
 - **This link provides instructions on how to downlink acceleration data files and their associated header files. Details of the PIMS Acceleration Data (PAD) file directory structure and file formats are contained in the document PIMS-ISS-101, ISS PIMS Acceleration Data (PAD) File Description Document**
 - **First step is to determine data availability using monthly data availability profiles assembled by PIMS data analysts**
 - **Second step is to verify the ability to properly read PAD binary data files by downloading the appropriate file pair below, either for four column binary data or six column binary data. For MAMS OSS raw data, download the six column example files. For all other data (SAMS, MAMS filtered data, MAMS HiRAP), download the four column example files**
 - Download a pair of test files, an actual binary data file and an Excel spreadsheet containing the first 20 records of that file
 - Use your binary data file reader to read the first 20 records of the binary data file
 - Open the associated spreadsheet data file spreadsheet and compare the resultant data
 - When the results are identical, proceed to steps for downloading desired data from the time period and sensor of interest

ISS Acceleration Data Archives

ON-LINE ACCESS TO PIMS ACCELERATION DATA ARCHIVE

Acceleration data measured by the MAMS and the SAMS acceleration measurement systems on the ISS are available over the Internet via FTP from a NASA GRC file server. The contents of these acceleration data files (PIMS Acceleration Data (PAD) files) and the overall acceleration data archive directory structure are described in the document, International Space Station PIMS Acceleration Data File Description Document ([PIMS-ISS-101](#)). The binary data stored in the PAD binary acceleration data files are stored in binary 32-bit IEEE float little endian format.

There are 4 basic sensor data types available for downloading. Each sensor data type has some handling/use restrictions that need to be employed prior to generating any plots or performing any manipulation of these data. These limitations are described in the table below:

SAMS data	Data must be demeaned to remove any instrument bias
MAMS HiRAP data	Data must be demeaned to remove any instrument bias
MAMS OSS TMF data	No limitations. Data have been trimmean filtered and bias compensated and are ready for use.
MAMS OSS raw data	Recommend not using the data because bias has not been removed and the bias compensation process requires addition data and data processing. If raw MAMS OSS data are desired, contact PIMS at pimsops@grc.nasa.gov

To download acceleration data, follow the steps indicated below to first verify availability of acceleration data for the time period of interest and second to verify the ability to properly read PAD binary data files.

1. Determine the availability of data for time period of interest by checking the PAD profile for the month of interest

[Click Here to get a listing of PAD files for 2001](#)

[Click Here to get a listing of PAD files for 2002](#)

2. Verify the ability to properly read PAD binary data files by downloading the appropriate file pair below. Per PIMS-ISS-101, there are two file formats available: four column binary data and six column binary data. For MAMS OSS raw data, download the six column example files. For all other data download the four column example files.

- A. Download the desired pair of data files below (six column or 4 column)
- B. Use your binary data file reader to read the first 20 records of the binary data file.
- C. Open the associated spreadsheet data file spreadsheet and compare the resultant data.
- D. When the results are identical, proceed to step 3

DOWNLOAD

SIX COLUMN BINARY DATA

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FOUR COLUMN BINARY DATA

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SIX COLUMN SPREADSHEET DATA

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FOUR COLUMN SPREADSHEET DATA

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3. To access a file, go to: <ftp://pims.grc.nasa.gov/pad/>

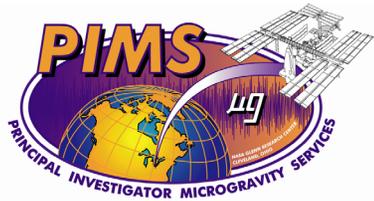
Navigate to the desired year/month/day path for the data of interest. If the desired data are not available (/day portion of the path and below are not viewable), please send an email to pimsops@grc.nasa.gov. The desired data have been migrated off the system and need to be restored.

4. Change directory to desired Measurement System_DataType_SensorID[Data Qualifier] for the sensor of interest.

5. Download data & header file pairs for time frame of interest using GMT time name convention:
Start Time - Stop Time.SensorID[header] where Start/Stop Times are underscore delimited fields:
YYYY_MM_DD_hh_mm_ss.sss
year_month_day_hour_minutes_second

6. If ASCII data are preferred, download the PAD file binary to ASCII converter. [Note: This converter will operate on Windows 98 and NT version 4]

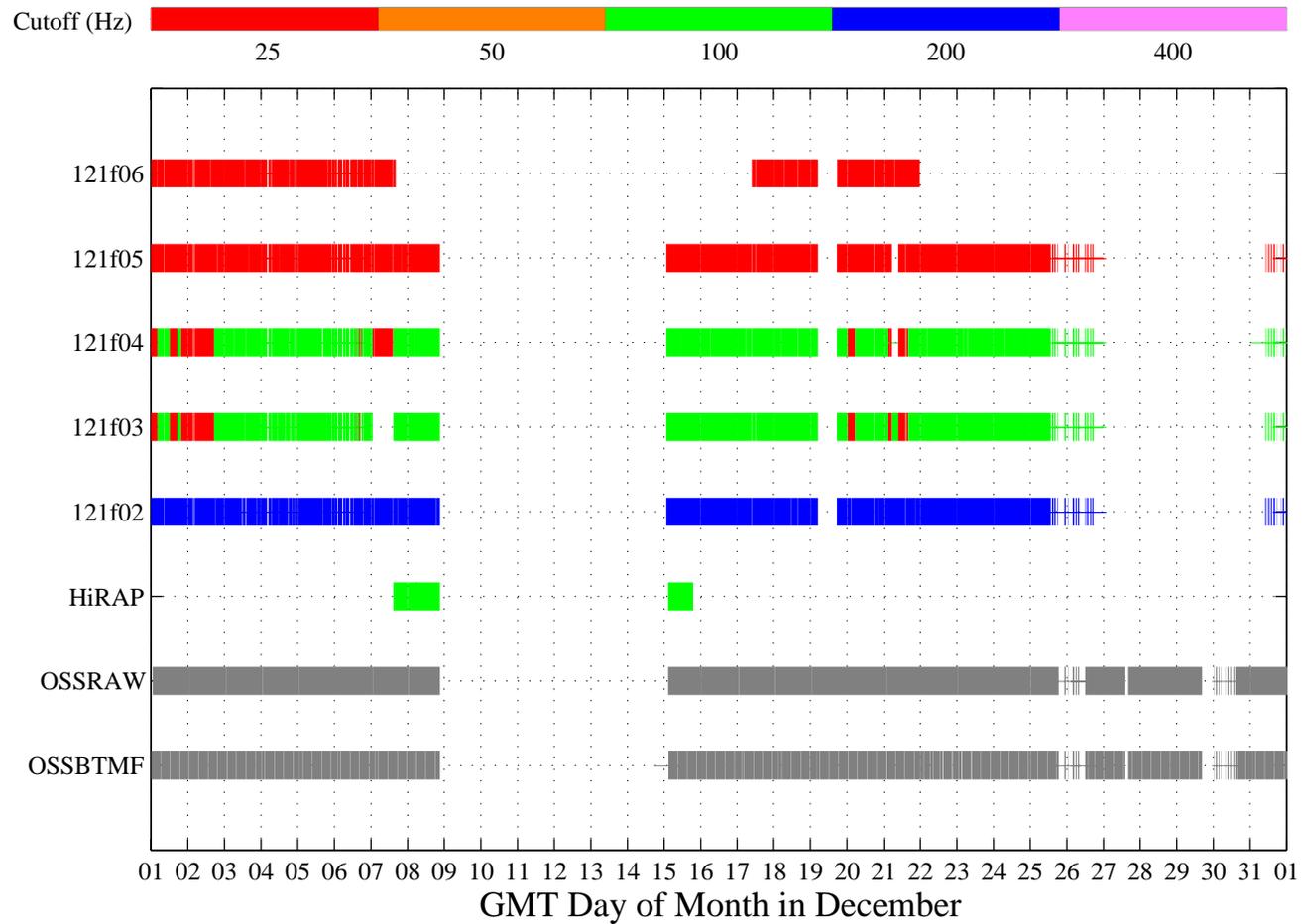
ftp://pims.grc.nasa.gov/pad/Binary2ASCII/PIMS_Bin2ASCII.ZIP



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PAD Profile for December of 2001 (GMT Days of Year 335 to 365)





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Main PIMS Web Page Functions

- **View Interesting Data Plots**
 - This link provides access to a “best of” collection of acceleration data plots generated by PIMS personnel
 - The page consists of links to various events documented by PIMS
 - Mousing over a particular link gives descriptive text for the files contained within that link

View Interesting Data Plots - Microsoft Internet Explorer

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Address <http://tsscruader.grc.nasa.gov/pims/html/InterestingDataPlots.html> Go Links >>

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View Interesting Data Plots

*mouseover for a description of the contents of each button,
click to receive a directory listing of available plots for each directory*

AAA Fans	ADVASC Operations	ARIS ICE Operations
EXPPCS Operations	EVA's	HiRAP Initial Activation
ISIS Drawer Operations	Initial MAMS Plots	MAMS Initial Data Analysis
HiRAP color spectrogram plots capturing the deactivation and activation of the SAMS RTS drawers located in EXPRESS rack #1	MAMS OSS Housekeeping	PIRS Event
Soyuz	Shuttle Activities	SKV-1 Operations
Soyuz	Turn Off	TVIS

http://tsscruader.grc.nasa.gov/pims/cgi-bin/HM_display_dir.pl?ISIS_Drawer_Operations Local intranet



View Interesting Data Plots

Directory listing is:

csGraph HIRAP ISISdrawer 1627from47and50Hz 08 03 2001 17 08 21.69.jpg
csGraph HIRAP ISISdrawersPowerCyclesandPAO 08 07 2001 14 58 04.76.jpg
csGraph HIRAP ISISdrawersPowerCyclesandPAO anno.jpg
csGraph HIRAP ISIS DRAWER FANS 2 OFF ON 08 20 2001 10 41 37.09.jpg
csGraph HIRAP ISIS DRAWER POWERCYCLE OFF ON 08 27 2001 15 58 35.96.jpg
csGraph HIRAP RTS DRAWER1 2 OFF ON 08 16 2001 19 34 38.15.jpg



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Main PIMS Web Page Functions

- **ISS Monitoring System**
 - This system is not currently on line, but will provide a neural network interpretation of the acceleration data
- **Request Data Plots**
 - This link will eventually allow users to generate custom data plots or plot requests.
 - Currently this link provides access to the PIMS PI survey. This is the first step in requesting any data plots from PIMS.
 - Completing this survey logs the requester into the PIMS User Database
- **Status Data Plots**
 - This link will status plot and data requests when the automated “Request Data Plots” link is functional